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FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SEC. FOR H - MR. ATWOOD TO AMB. GOHEEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL

1. CHAIRMAN LESTER WOLFF OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS HAS ASKED US (BY JULY 29 LETTER) TO CONVEY TO YOU FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE INDIANS HIS APPRECIATION FOR SANJIVA REDDY'S OFFER TO EXTEND AN OFFICIAL INVITATION ON BEHALF OF THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT FOR A CONGRESSIONAL VISIT LATER THIS YEAR. THE CHAIRMAN WANTS THE INDIANS TO KNOW THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITIES OF A STUDY TRIP TO THE AREA DURING THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER PERIOD. HE ADDS THAT HIS OWN REACTION IS POSITIVE. HE EXTENDS TO YOU HIS PERSONAL BEST WISHES.

2. WE HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE TO DATE ON REDDY'S OFFER FROM SENATOR STONE, WHO CHAIRS THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIAN
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AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE, BUT HAVE HEARD HE MAY BE THINKING OF AN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER VISIT. NO MENTION OF THIS POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE MADE TO THE INDIANS YET HOWEVER.

3. WE WILL TRY TO OBTAIN A CLEARER READING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL PROSPECTS IN SEVERAL WEEKS. CHRISTOPHER

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